

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
Filed: July 21, 2014

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CALEIGH MARIE DOENGES,	UNPUBLISHED
	* No. 11-893V
Petitioner,	*
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v.	*
SECRETARY OF HEALTH	*
AND HUMAN SERVICES,	*
	Attorneys' Fees and Costs;
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	Reasonable Amount Requested to which
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	Respondent Does not Object.
Respondent.	*
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Michael G. McLaren, Black McLaren Jones Ryland & Griffey, P.C., for petitioner.
Gordon Elliot Shemin, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for respondent.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS DECISION¹

On December 21, 2011, Caleigh Doenges (“petitioner”) filed a petition pursuant to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.² 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006). Petitioner alleged that she suffered postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), syncope, neurologic impairments, including a seizure disorder, physical impairments, conversion disorder, and/or other injuries, as a result of a human papillomavirus (“HPV” or “Gardasil”) vaccine administered to her on July 30, 2009. *See* Petition at 1. On May 22 2014, a decision was entered awarding compensation to petitioner based on the parties’ stipulation.

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the undersigned’s action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this decision on the website of the United States Court of Federal Claims, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction “of any information furnished by that party: (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, the entire decision will be available to the public. Id.

² The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is set forth in Part 2 of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755, codified as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (2006) (Vaccine Act or the Act). All citations in this decision to individual sections of the Vaccine Act are to 42 U.S.C.A. § 300aa.

On July 18, 2014, the parties filed a Stipulation of Facts Concerning Attorneys' Fees and Costs. According to the stipulation, the parties stipulate to a total award to petitioner of attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$65,000.00. In accordance with General Order #9, petitioner's counsel represents that petitioner did not advance any reimbursable costs in pursuit of her claim.

The Vaccine Act permits an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300 aa-15(e). Based on the reasonableness of the parties' stipulation, the undersigned **GRANTS** the request for approval and payment of attorneys' fees and costs.

Accordingly, an award should be made as follows:

in the form of a check jointly payable to petitioner and to Mr. Michael McLaren of the law firm of Black McLaren Jones Ryland & Griffey, P.C., in the amount of **\$65,000.00**.

In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of the court **SHALL ENTER JUDGMENT** in accordance with the terms of the parties' stipulation.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey
Nora Beth Dorsey
Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment is expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.